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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten

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REMARKS

1. On 22 and 24 November 1950, the Kasernenviertel (barracks quarter) on the west side of Schiesstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), was heavily occupied. During the noon hours, Soviet soldiers were seen at all windows of the installation. Since all streets leading to the barracks installations were off limits, it was difficult to approach the buildings. Many officers and EM wearing tank insignia entered and left the installation. A truck, which moved into the billeting area, was occupied by tank troopers who wore tank uniforms, including caps and headphones.

2. The former Kreis court building quartered a signal unit or office, besides the army post office. Two lieutenants and several soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and a telephone line construction detail with material were seen there.

3. Large garages with space for an estimated 200 trucks were located in the Kasernenviertel. The garage installation included a school for drivers. About 10 motor vehicles were parked outside the garages, the doors of which were closed. Trucks

jeeps and tank truck were seen in the Kasernenviertel. All motor vehicles were driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

4. The Soviet kommandatura was located at 37 Linzerstrasse, corner of Josefstrasse. Kommandatura personnel wore black-bordered red epaulets. Passenger car jeep and radio truck all cars driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were at the kommandatura. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

5. Many tank troops were seen at Camp Spratzern. The large garage for tanks and motor vehicles, with a capacity of not less than 100 tanks, were closed. Although no armored vehicles were observed, the imprints of caterpillar tracks were seen on the ground. Trucks all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in the camp area.

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6. On 27 November, soldiers of all ranks, up to and including major, were seen entering and leaving the Kasernenviertel west of Schiesstattring. Most of them wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets, and some of them black-bordered red epaulets. Tank, signal and motor transport insignia were observed. About 20 soldiers trained with mortars of not less than 80 mm caliber in the area behind the barracks installation. The garages in the billeting area were presumably filled with vehicles. Trucks were standing in two rows in one of the garages, the doors of which were open. Jeep [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the former Kreis court building, which housed an army post office. Truck [] with box-like body and driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the Stadtsaele.

7. Camp Spratzern seemed to be occupied to capacity. The camp quartered troops wearing the same service color and insignia as those stationed in St. Poelten. However, no armored vehicles were seen in Camp Spratzern and in St. Poelten. From Camp Spratzern, one telephone line led toward Obergrafendorf (O 49/W 77) and another toward Wilhelmsdorf (O 49/W 87). Trucks [] and passenger car [] were seen on the road between the Kasernenviertel, St. Poelten, and Camp Spratzern. Tank truck [] came from the direction of St. Poelten. Proceeding toward Obergrafendorf. Jeep [] passenger car [] and truck [] were [] at Camp Spratzern.

* [] Comment [] most of the elements of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in St. Poelten were in their quarters by the end of November 1950. []

[] the present report confirms the return to the post of the components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. []

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